

# **Middletown Police Department**

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Press Release: New Developments into the investigation involving eleven Wesleyan Students overdosing on alleged "party drugs".

The following statement was provided by Chief William McKenna of the Middletown Police Department in Middletown, CT.

"Members of the Middletown Police Department's Major Investigations Unit, Narcotics unit and members of our Patrol Division have worked around the clock since the numerous Wesleyan University campus overdoses from this past weekend were reported. The students took an alleged "party drug" causing significant medical complications, resulting in approximately 12 people being transported to medical facilities for treatment.

The Middlesex County States Attorney Peter McShane and his Office, along with the State of Connecticut Forensics Science Laboratory have been involved since the onset of the investigation, attempting to identify the different types of chemicals that were present in the specific "batch" of drugs. The drug has been described as Molly, or MDMA. This particular batch may have had a mixture of several kinds of designer drug chemicals, making the health risks unpredictable and treatment to combat the effects, complex and problematic.

The Wesleyan's Department of Public Safety has been cooperative and remains in contact with our team of investigators, as we continue to ensure that the community and campus remain safe, and free, of any potential dangers or risks associated with these chemicals. Individuals, who have information relating to the drug, or its distribution, are being sought out. We are tasked with holding people

accountable for their actions, as we attempt to rid the campus and our city from those dangers.

We have obtained arrest warrants for (4) four Wesleyan University students on charges relating to, or associated with, the recent campus incidents. All four have been taken into custody as of 8pm this evening. In addition, (4) four Search and Seizure warrants have been obtained from the court and were executed at certain locations in and around the campus in an effort to locate additional evidence pertaining to this incident. The arrests are a direct result of the swift action taken by the members of this department whom were under the command of Captain Gary Wallace, Lieutenant Rich Davis, Sgt. Jorge Yepes and their team of detectives.

A list of the arrested parties and their charges will be made available by our PIO, Lt. Heather Desmond. The investigation remains open and active and no additional information will be provided at this time.

As always, the safety and welfare of our citizens, including those on the Wesleyan campus, remains our top priority. Incidents jeopardizing the safety will not be tolerated and those offenders will be held accountable.

Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is encouraged to contact the Middletown Police Department. "

Arrested:

## Eric Lonergan Age 21

Rio de Janeiro –RJ Brazil

## Charges:

Possession of a Controlled Substance Illegal Obtaining or supplying of Drugs (16 counts) \$100,000 court set bond Court date 3/3/15

## **Andrew Olson Age 20**

9085 Via Tortuga Atascadero, CA

1st warrant:

Possession of Hallucinogen (2 counts)
Sale of Hallucinogen
\$150,000 bond
Court date 3/3/15

2<sup>nd</sup> warrant:

Possession Less than ½ ounce of Marijuana Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell Possession of Drug Paraphernalia \$25,000 court set bond

#### **Zachary Kramer age 21**

8112 Tomlinson Avenue Bethesda, MD

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Possession of a regulated substance
Possession of Marijuana less than ½ ounce

\$75,000 court set bond Court date: 3/3/15

#### Rama Agha Al Nakib Age 20

15 Tyburn Court Lutherville, MD

Possession of a Controlled Substance (3 Counts)
Possession of a Controlled Substance with intent to Sell
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Bond \$100,000 court set Court date: 3/3/15

Two students remain hospitalized at Hartford Hospital everyone else has been treated and released.

Any further questions should be directed to the department's Public Information Officer, Lieutenant Heather Desmond. 860-638-4011 or Heather.Desmond@MiddletownCT.gov